

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

**6:45 P.M. PROMPT**

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- 6:45 p.m. – BEDFORD NOPEC REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS O'GRADY
- DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Personnel

Bedford, Ohio

February 15, 2010

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Dan Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Kathleen Lynch. Administration: Acting City Manager/Law Director Ken Schuman and Finance Director Frank Gambosi. Also present: Tom O'Grady, NOPEC representative. Absent: Paula Mizsak.

Mr. O'Grady gave a brief synopsis of what is taking place at NOPEC. He will be representing the City of Bedford until November, 2010. First Energy is now the electric supplier that NOPEC will be using. Mr. O'Grady discussed grant money that will be available to cities through NOPEC. The information will be mailed this week.

Mayor Pocek asked if the grant money could be used on a City facility. Mr. O'Grady said yes, there is great latitude with the program to help reduce costs.

Councilman Pozar asked if more than \$50,000 is available. Mr. O'Grady said yes, but much will be determined by the number of electric customers.

Mr. O'Grady gave the members of Council the office number for NOPEC, it is 440-248-1992.

Mr. Gambosi asked if NOPEC has studied or looked into the use of solar or LED lights for street lighting. NOPEC has not looked into solar but does know some municipalities are using the low energy lights. Mr. O'Grady said solar is making tremendous progress though so it could be something that is looked at in the near future.

Mr. O'Grady discussed wind power and the testing that will be taking place in Lake Erie with wind turbines.

Councilman Saunders asked if NOPEC was going to expand out of the gas and electric forum and move into telecommunications. Cable is becoming an issue.

Mr. O'Grady said there has been discussion on other areas but that telecommunication has not specifically been discussed.

Mr. Gambosi asked if the City could consolidate its accounts for all of its buildings. Mr. O'Grady said NOPEC tries to negotiate the best rates but will have to look into consolidating accounts.

Councilwoman Zolata asked what Gexa is, she received a postcard in the mail. Mr. O'Grady said Gexa is Florida Power and Light, the agency NOPEC was with previously. Their contract has been terminated since going with First Energy. Mr. O'Grady said it is easy for a customer to opt out of NOPEC's contract but more difficult with other providers.

Council thanked Mr. O'Grady for coming in and giving a briefing on NOPEC.

At this time, discussion of the Regular Meeting Agenda began.

Mr. Schuman said Ordinance No. 8567-10 deals with the Bedford Jail fees. The Sheriff has decided to use some City jails when necessary to house County prisoners. This ordinance will change wording that states both the Chief of Police and City Manager establish an agreed upon rate for these prisoners.

Ordinance No. 8568-10 is for delinquent water bills in the City. Mr. Schuman said this is done twice a year and will be assessed to the property.

Ordinance No. 8569-10 is for repairs at the City property at 109 Palmetto. There was no discussion on this matter.

At this time, Bedford City Council and Administration went into an executive session to discuss Personnel.

Work Session was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Absence Mizsak - 2 + B = 7 all

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of February 1, 2010 - K + Z = 7 all
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2010 - P + S = 7 all

5. REPORTS

- a. City Manager / Law Director - NO
- b. Finance Director -
- c. Council Reports

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 8567-10, amending Ordinance No. 8479-09 pertaining to Bedford City Jail fees
- b. Ordinance No. 8568-10, to levy assessments for delinquent water bills
- c. Ordinance No. 8569-10, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mario J. Di Franco for various repairs at 109 Palmetto (\$505.00)
- d. Motion to reappoint John Schultis to the Tree Board - 2 + S = 7 all
- e. Motion to reappoint Roman Boldyreff to the Tree Board - K + P = 7 all
- f. Motion to reappoint Sharyna Cloud to the Board of Zoning Appeals - K + S = 7 all
- g. Motion to reappoint Robert Erdos to the Planning Commission - S + P = 7 all

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS

8. ADJOURNMENT - K + P = 7

Bedford, Ohio

February 15, 2010

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 15, 2010. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Absent: Mizzsak.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Mizzsak. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 1, 2010. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2010. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek is pleased to make an announcement, though many probably know already, that City Council has hired a new City Manager. Henry J. Angelo, the former Mayor of Warren, will start on March 15, 2010. One of the strengths the Mayor admired about Mr. Angelo was when he was Mayor of Warren he took extreme pride that he was the only Mayor in the State of Ohio that carried an Operator IV Wastewater license. The City of Bedford has to deal with these issues. Another strong quality is Mr. Angelo's grant writing abilities.

Councilman Pozar said Mr. Angelo displayed a terrific ability not only as a people person but as a person to negotiate with the Unions and the Government. Mr. Angelo is also a very strong proponent of the arts. If you look at Warren, Ohio some of the accomplishments he has had was support of the arts. Mr. Angelo was one of the last two finalists, but those intangibles gave him an edge. In terms of the work Mr. Angelo has done on a day to day basis with the employees, he stood above. There will be a small swearing-in ceremony on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The first formal Council Meeting will be on March 15, 2010. All are invited on March 8, 2010.

Mayor Pocek said the meeting on March 8 is only for the purpose of swearing-in Mr. Angelo. The Mayor will be in Washington on March 15 and wanted to do the swearing-in ceremony. Mr. Angelo is anticipating a move here to Bedford, as part of the conditions of employment. It is remarkable to see the reaction of the employees with someone from the outside coming in. It has been 20 years since somebody from the outside has come in. Eighty percent of the employees were not here when that occurred. There is a great anticipation for him to begin. The Mayor had him over his house to meet the Department Heads and then last Wednesday he spent the day here. The first thing he noted coming in was how great the streets were being plowed.

The Mayor said in the past the City has provided moving expenses, instead of that the City is providing him with a one bedroom apartment at Slate Run for three months. This way Mr. Angelo can get here and look for a house. It is more to pay moving expenses.

Councilwoman Zolata said Mr. Angelo stood out. She kept thinking how he would get along with our people in the City, not just the residents but the employees as well. She tried to visualize this and Mr. Angelo fit the bill. Mr. Angelo is totally against neighborhood blight and people not keeping their properties up. Everything the City of Bedford seems to need, Mr. Angelo possessed. It was a condition that he live here, but he is anxious to come to Bedford.

Councilman Batten cannot really comment on him at this time but will give him his support when he comes on board.

The Mayor said there is great partnership between the Administration and Council. There is a very good team in place, the idea was not to have the team fit the man but the man fit the team. The Mayor complimented Mr. Schuman for all the hard work he has done. Mr. Schuman said Mr. Angelo will be a good fit for the City.

The Mayor said on the back of the Agenda is a Presidential quiz in honor of President's Day and he will do this at the conclusion of Hearing of Citizens.

No report from the City Manager.

Mr. Gambosi said the Rotary's Pancake and French Toast Breakfast and 5K run is on Sunday, April 25, 2010.

Councilwoman Zolata said the Annual Reverse Raffle for the Bedford Historical Society is March 6, 2010. It sounds like a great evening. She has a flyer and tickets if anyone is interested.

Councilman Saunders thanked the Service Department for all of their hard work since basically after Christmas.

At this time Joyce Daunch, Chairman of the Arts and Cultural Board, gave a report to the members of Council. She informed them of what has taken place during the last year and what they hope to achieve in the upcoming year. A copy of the report is on file with the minutes of this meeting in the Clerk's office.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8567-10**, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8479-09 establishing jail fees for the use of the Bedford City Jail facilities by other governmental entities for the placement and housing of prisoners and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Koci seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 8567-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman said this issue surfaced when Cuyahoga County Sheriff had a plan to house all of the County prisoners. That plan severely impacted all of the monies received by municipalities for housing County prisoners. The Sheriff realized they are going to have to use some jail facilities throughout the suburbs. This ordinance will add income to our jail to house these prisoners when we can.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8568-10**, an ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent water bills in the City of Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Zolata seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. 8568-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman said this is an ordinance the City does on a regular basis. The City is allowed to assess properties twice a year in March and September. This is for delinquent water bills.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8569-10**, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mario J. Di Franco to make various repairs to the residence at 109 Palmetto in the City of Bedford and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Koci seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. 8569-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman said these were some minor issues that needed to be repaired.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Saunders to reappoint John Schultis to the Tree Board. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci seconded by Pozar to reappoint Roman Boldyreff to the Tree Board. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci seconded by Saunders to reappoint Sharyna Cloud to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to reappoint Robert Erdos to the Planning Commission. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Tim Tench, 286 Marion, congratulated Council and the Mayor on selecting a new City Manager. He knows it is a very daunting task. He thanked the Building, Police and Law Department for moving on a problem house located on Columbus Road. It is always a work in progress to keep the quality of life in the City.

Mayor Pocek thanked all the members of the Boards and Commissions of the City. They do a great job, they are a part of what makes Bedford special.

At this time Mayor Pocek conducted the Presidential Quiz. Copy on file in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Pocek asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Koci seconded by Pozar to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council